Offer of Foreign Companies to supply one lakh lines to DOT on Lease Basis

3649. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the private companies of India and foreign companies have made an offer to supply 1.00 lakh lines to the Department of Telecommunications (DOT) on lease basis;

(b) if so, whether the Ericsson has submitted a comprehensive financial package including deferred payments and supplier credit;

(c) if so, whether some of the Swedish companies have also given an offer to come into the Telecom related fields; and

(d) if so, how many foreign proposals have been cleared by Government so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Some Indian companies have offered to supply 1 lakh lines to the Department of Telecommunications on lease basis. No foreign company had made such an offer.

(b) M/s. Ericsson Telecom, India Pvt. Ltd. have made an offer of supplying Switching Equipment on lease finance basis. No comprehensive financial offer including deferred payments and suppliers credit has been received till date.

(c) Only M/s. Ericsson, Sweden have submitted a proposal for a joint venture in India for telecom.

(d) Proposal of M/s. Ericsson has been cleared by the Government.

Transformation of Telecom Service into Education and Entertainment

3650. DR. NARREDDY THULSI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to transform our telecoms into information, education, entertainment, intelligence and knowledge delivery systems as in the developed countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) The telecommunication network is being used as carrier for information technology. A number of such services are working in the country viz.:

- Electronic Mail.
- Videotex
- Voice Mail
- Paging
- Messaging Services
- Video Conferencing
- Reminder services
- Transmission of audio and video programmes of AIR & Doordarshan.
- Computer networking for Library Services, Business Information, Scientific Data transfer, etc.

Displaying of Photographs/Portraits of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in Office Premises

3651. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Heads of Circles, Districts and Administrative Offices of Department of Telecom, have taken steps to display photographs/portraits of Baba Saheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in office premises/recreation clubs etc. at their end, in persuance of DOT letter No. 3-9/92-SCT dated the 26th March, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the number of Telecom Circles which have decided favourably and reasons with the rest of the circles for not taking favourable decision in this regard:

(c) whether Department of Posts have also issued any order to implement the instructions by all circles as intimated in

your letter dated the 15th April 1993, if so, what are the details of the said order; and

(d) whether the representatives of "P&T SC/ST Employees Welfare Association" will be authorised on request to display photographs/portraits of Dr. Ambedkar at appropriate place in any office on their own expenses, where the Department is not able to arrange expenses:

(i) if so, what are the Directions issued by the Departments in this regard.

(ii) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Information is being collected from all Heads of Circles/Districts and other Administrative Offices and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir. A copy of instructions issued by the Department of Posts is attached. (*See below*)

(d) (i) & (ii) Any request made by the P&T SC/ST employees Welfare Association will be considered by the concerned Head of Circle in accordance with our instructions.

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DEPARTMENT OF POSTS

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F. No. BR-514/93 SST
Dated the 19 August, 1993

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Suggestions have been received that the portraits/photographs of Baba Saheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar should be displayed in Office premises/rooms etc. particularly in view of his Centenary Celebrations. There are no specific instructions issued by the Government about the display of protraits/photographs of National Leaders. The matter has been left to the Heads of Departments to decide whether they should exhibit such portraits in the office premises/rooms and if so of which particular leader, ensuring that no controversy arises out of the display of any portrait. In this connection the Ministry of Welfare have stated several Ministries/Departments/Offices/Public Sector Undertakings/Local Bodies etc. have taken up programmes of displaying of portraits/photographs of Baba Saheb as part of the Centenary Celebrations.

2. Keeping the above in view the Heads of Circles, etc. may decided any proposals for display of photographs/portraits of Baba Saheb Ambedkar, taking into account all factors.

—Sd/-

(B. PARABRAHMAM)
Sr. *DDG & Secretary*
(*Postal Services Board*)

Recommendation of Expert Panel of Telecom Commission for Induction of Six Switching Technologies

3652. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Ministry of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the experts panel of Telecom Commission has recommended the induction of six switching technologies;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) what is the procedure likely to be adopted to select the participants for the six switching technologies; and

(d) whether indigenous manufacturers would be given preference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Committee has recommended that in the case of large capacity exchanges (more than 10,000 lines) the number of technologies should initially be restricted to six.

(c) and (d) The normal procedure will be followed.